



Macbeth

English past Exam Questions

Higher Level

2013

Paper 2 – Section 1 D

D MACBETH – William Shakespeare

- (i) “The variety of significant insights that we gain into Macbeth’s mind proves critical in shaping our understanding of his complex character.”

Discuss this view, supporting your answer with suitable reference to the play, *Macbeth*.

OR

- (ii) “Shakespeare makes effective use of disturbing imagery in the play, *Macbeth*.”

Discuss this statement, supporting your answer with suitable reference to the text.

2009

Paper 2 – Section 1 E

E **MACBETH** – William Shakespeare

- (i) “Macbeth’s murder of Duncan has horrible consequences both for Macbeth himself and for Scotland.”

Write a response to this statement. You should refer to the play in your answer.

OR

- (ii) “*Macbeth* has all the ingredients of compelling drama.”

Write a response to this statement, commenting on **one or more** of the ingredients which, in your opinion, make *Macbeth* a compelling drama.

2007

Paper 2 – Section 1 E

E MACBETH – William Shakespeare

- (i) “The relationship between Macbeth and Lady Macbeth undergoes significant change during the course of the play.”

Discuss this statement supporting your answer with the aid of suitable reference to the text.

OR

- (ii) “Essentially the play *Macbeth* is about power, its use and abuse.”

Discuss this view of the play, supporting your answer with the aid of suitable reference to the text.